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**Subject:** EKPC Rowan County line

Ms. Lantz-

Your comments have been placed into the case file. For your future reference, the case number is 2005-00089. Thank you for your interest.

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**From:** Jennifer[SMTP:JENNIFER.LANTZ@INSIGHTBB.COM]  
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To Whom This Concerns:

Clear cutting a 100-foot swath through 4.8 miles of the Daniel Boone National Forest for a new power line that would help Eastern Kentucky Power Cooperative sell electricity produced in Kentucky to consumers in other states is NOT in the interest of Kentucky residents or the future of Kentucky. We are troubled enough by strip-mining for energy consumption. I believe the answer to more energy and efficiency is not in more power lines and more stripping of our Mother Land; the answer is in alternative energies, like solar. Work on that energy initiative, not more raping of our last wild areas.

Furthermore,

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- EKPC broke the law by failing to apply for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity before requesting a permit from the U.S. Forest Service. This violation alone is enough to reject their permit request.
- The transmission line is not in the public interest because it will disrupt the peaceful wildlands recreation experience of countless Rowan Countians who hunt, camp, hike, backpack, birdwatch, horseback ride, and run on Big Perry. People come to Big Perry because it is a place to get out in the Big Woods, away from the sights and sounds of modern urban life. This power line would degrade the character of the area that attracts so many recreationists. This could have a negative effect on the local economy, reducing business for local outfitters, gas stations, motels, and restaraunteurs who sell goods and services to people using the area for recreation.
- Big Perry contains prime summer roosting habitat for the Endangered Indiana Bat. When added to the effects the Morehead Timber Sale and the Rodburn Connector Road, the Rowan-Cranston Transmission line would deal a devastating blow to the local Indiana Bat population by removing its roost trees and spraying herbicides in their feeding areas.
- This project would also harm native interior forest-dependent birds by creating more habitat fragmentation on Big Perry Mt.
- The regular addition of herbicides to the powerline right-of-way would contaminate area streams with dangerous chemicals. This fact is particularly troubling, since the Forest Service plans to create wetland ponds directly within the right-of-way, inviting in sensitive amphibians like frogs and salamanders, as well as other animals, who will then be sprayed with herbicides that will accumulate in the ponds.

This is OUR state and OUR forests and OUR children's heritage, NOT a Power Cooperative that only cooperates with evil if not with the people. Thank you for your understanding that enough is enough and we do not want any more destruction of our parks and forests.

Peace to our Earth,  
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